

ABSTRACTAPPARATUS FOR PRESERVING MICROORGANISMS

5 Subculturing apparatus (30) comprises a receptacle for  
supporting a growth medium (5) for culturing of a  
microorganism. The microorganism is entrained to grow in  
a predetermined direction, towards an end of the growth  
medium (50), where a further apparatus (30) can be placed  
10 adjacent thereto. The microorganism can then grow into  
the growth medium of the further apparatus. The method  
of storing a microorganism for use in microbiological  
processes is also described, as is a method of  
fermentation of a stored microorganism for the production  
15 of biochemicals such as pharmaceuticals or agrochemicals.

(Figure 4)

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